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1. The Minister-President of Saxony-Anhalt, Professor Dr. Erhard Hübener, expects to resign during January or February 1949 and withdraw completely from the administration of the Land.
2. Until recently Hübener had been unable to obtain Soviet permission to resign. However, Hübener is now the only Soviet Zone Minister-President belonging to a party other than the SED. Hübener discussed his position with Ambassador Semeonov in Berlin on 8 November 1948 during a diplomatic reception. Semeonov agreed to Hübener's resignation within ninety days.
3. Following his resignation, Hübener will retire to a villa given him by the city of Halle, of which he is now an honorary citizen. His request to teach administration at a Russian Zone university was turned down.
4. The following cabinet changes are expected to take place in connection with

and Wilhelm Zeiser (SED).

To become Minister of Interior: fmu Gottsche (SED).

To become Deputy Minister-President: the present Minister of Justice, Dr. Erich Damerow (LDP, but fully under Soviet control).

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